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AT GRAND RAPIDS

Seven representatives of the Northern California Cogregational Conference were present at the annual Mid-Winter Meetings of the Congregational Christian Committees and Boards at Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 24 to 29. They were Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Mrs. Scott Haymond, President Ronald Bridges, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. William Meyer, and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Many important decisions were made on the policy of our denomination for 1948 and 1949 during these sessions. Here are some of the highlights of the gathering which are significant for our Conferences and the local churches of our fellowship.

The Postwar Emergency Program, with the dual emphasis upon the "Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction" and "Increased Apportionment Giving," will continue during the current year. This plan of giving will be completed in 1948, and the final drive for funds will be carried out through the Every Member Canvass, the Sacrificial Giving Plan, special offerings at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the solicitation of special gifts from individuals in every state Conference. In 1949 the two divisions of the Postwar Emergency Program will be combined into one project under regular apportionment giving, which will probably be called the "Christian World Program." Under this slogan the gains in sharing of the churches since 1945 are to be maintained, and this amount will be increased according to the needs at home and abroad. There will be a special meeting of representatives of the Northern and Southern California Conferences at Fresno next April, with national leaders, for further promotion of the project.

There was a special emphasis given to church extension at the Mid-Winter Meetings, with a resolution presented by the state Superintendents requesting that priority be given to this important work upon the completion of the Postwar Emergency Program. This resolution was offered by a special committee, of which Rev. Harley H. Gill was the chairman. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham outlined two of our state projects, the Negro church in Oak Park, Sacramento, and the proposed Congregational church in Modesto, before the Church Extension Division of the Board of Home Missions. Both of these projects were approved and will be aided by national funds following an examination of the fields this month by Dr. Stanley U. North of New York. Rev. William W. Meyer secured assurance for the continuation of the Student Summer Service teams for our Conference during the coming Summer. Mr. Meyer was an active leader in the meetings of the state and regional education directors.

A high point was reached at the annual fellowship dinner, when more than 300 people representing all of the committees and boards listened to an inspiring address by Dr. Vere V. Loper on the subject, "The Commands of Human Needs." All of the delegates from the Northern California Conference returned to their homes by train and plane with a desire to pass on the inspiration of the Mid-Winter Meetings to the local churches, and to support the program outlined by our national leaders with their sincere cooperation. Let us be mindful of the fact that no matter how much the United States Government does for the relief of human needs abroad, there is a special necessity for the churches of all denominations to render Christian service. Spiritual rehabilitation is just as important as material sharing, and the Christian people of America are determined to perform both of these missions in the name of the Master.

—S.H.B.

N. CAL. 1947 GIVING

It always takes some weeks to gather up loose ends for an accurate report of the benevolence giving of our churches. At the time The Pacific goes to press we are able to give a fairly accurate picture.

During the year 1947 there came through our Conference treasury for regular budgeted apportionment, including special postwar needs of the Boards and the Conference, the sum of **$67,825.59.** This includes the women's Thank Offering of $3,869.60 and gifts from the Pilgrim Fellowship for their projects of $1,420.74. The total is a gain of $3,443.11 over 1946 and $16,702.53 over 1945. The distribution of the $67,825.59 was as follows:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions) **$14,830.50**
(This was a gain of $773.44.)

For the Board of Home Missions and the Council for Social Action **$15,333.65**
(This was a loss of $232.13.)

For our State Conference, State Home Missions, and Ministerial Relief **$37,661.44**
(This was a gain of $2,901.80.)

At the time of the Mid-Winter Meetings the Missions Council reported $4,325.00 additional that had gone directly to the national Board treasuries. The treasurer of the National German Conference has reported a total of $3,831.60 going to the American Board and the Board of Home Missions. So, the Year Book will show a total of apportionment and increased apportionment giving of something like $76,000.00.

Our giving to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction amounted to **$36,017.81.** This was a rather serious loss over our giving for 1946 amounting to $9.754.59. The national drop was about 9%, whereas ours was about 20%. However, we are still very near the top among the Conferences in per capita giving, being exceeded only among the larger states by Florida and certain states where grain contributions were made and counted.

Our gifts to the Christmas Fund for aged ministers in 1947 totalled $2,265.81. In 1946 it was $2,128.10, so that means a gain of about $138.00.

The Unit Plan in 1946 brought in a total of $7205.00, but in 1947 the campaign was declared closed at Conference time since the ten year goal had been reached. The total amount which came in in 1947 for this purpose was $5,554.77.

The German churches contributed a total of $3,346.00 to certain projects of their own. This brings the grand total of our giving to Apportionment, War Emergency, Unit Plan, Christmas Fund, and special projects of the German Conference to $123,167.00, which is nearly $7000 less than for the same items in 1946.

The third year of the Postwar Emergency Program is now upon us. At the Grand Rapids meeting it was pointed out that for the country as a whole Congregationalists would need to raise a total of 27% more than we had given in 1947 if the total three year Postwar Emergency Program goals were to be reached. Whether or not that much additional will be required from Northern California we are not able at this writing to state, but it certainly cannot be much less than the national figure, and it may be more.

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Here is the schedule of our summer camps at Cazadero with the names of the directors:

June 12-19—Central, Rev. Mary McKee Chester

June 19-26—Student, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday

June 26-July 3—East Bay, Rev. Richard C. Norberg

July 3-10—Redwood - Upper Bay, Rev. James P. Senter

July 10-17—West Bay, Rev. Benton G. Gaskell

July 17-24—Junior, Mrs. H. Weldon Batty

July 24-31—Family I, Rev. Henry C. Warber

July 31-August 7—Family II, Rev. James H. Woodruff

August 7-14—Family III, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe

August 14-21—Junior Hi I, Rev. George R. Tolson

August 21-28—Junior Hi II, Rev. Terence Stoker

August 28-September 4—State Pilgrim Fellowship, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes.

San Joaquin Area Camp, Rev. Clayton H. Gill, director, will probably be June 12-19 at Lake Sequoia.

All Hail, Mr. Howe!

Mr. W. V. Howe, the Conference treasurer, is also the treasurer of the Alameda church. He has held the latter post for thirty years. On January 30, 180 people of the Alameda church gathered for a reception and party in his honor. There was fun and there were refreshments and withal many sincere expressions of appreciation of his long and faithful service. Recognizing that he is a "dollar a year" man he was presented with thirty new shiny silver dollars. The Conference counts itself very fortunate in having him on its staff of officers.

Children and Youth

If one thought could summarize the recent national gathering of State Christian Education Directors, it would be a call to unify as we strengthen education in church and home. With all our departments and commissions, we all work at a single task—simple yet world-shaking—to transform life through the Love of Christ.

Church school materials are increasingly to stress world-feeling and world-giving as in fact they are integral to Christian faith, to render unnecessary special "missionary education." Church school leaders, for example, are asked in Lent to join in planning an all-Church Lenten sacrificial dinner, in which all church people of all ages join in dedicating gifts for War Victims and Reconstruction.

Pilgrim Series promises strong new emphases in leadership training, with the Pastors' and Superintendents' Manual an ever-better source of practical help. Pilgrim Press promises a new level of service with all curriculum orders to be handled directly through Boston.

Pilgrim Fellowship moves from strength to strength. Last summer 12,664 youth worshipped and played and planned in 197 camps, many of the states, like ours, showing per capita giving of nearly $2 per person at camp alone. Youth in many states are showing 500 to 1000 percent increases in giving over the last 3 to 5 year period.

There are signs of vigor and growth in many areas, as we use new methods and adapt to new situations, but always with the same Spirit. It is a great Church to which we belong, ready for yet new adventures to which Christ calls us. —W. W. M.

Bay Annual

The annual meeting and dinner of the Bay Association will be held at the First Congregational Church, Alameda, on Tuesday, March 2. There will be a business meeting and election of officers at 5:30. There will be two outstanding speakers: Miss Ruth Seabury of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, who will be en route to Japan for a two year period as adviser in educational work, known as one of the most dynamic speakers on the American platform, will be on the program. Our own Dr. Gail Cleland, formerly of Alameda and who has spent three years in Korea, will bring the most interesting and up to date message on what is happening in that land.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—

February 17-19—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

February 22—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

March 2—Annual meeting of Bay Association, Alameda.

March 7—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, First Church, Fresno.

March 28—Easter

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1947 Story

Here's the total giving to apportionment and to C.WV.R. which has come through the Conference treasury. This does not include gifts sent directly to the treasuries in the east. For comparative purposes the apportionment giving of the previous year is set forth. The gain as noted in another column is $3,443.11.

	App't Jan. 11, '46 to Jan 10, '47	App't Jan. 11, '47 to Jan. 10, '48	CWVR 1947
Adin	$ 43.47	$ 48.75	.....
Alameda	1,575.49	1,806.08	$ 704.35
Alturas	178.64	194.14	172.75
Angels Camp	243.66	296.47	173.95
Antioch	99.67	196.57	56.24
Auburn	196.85	248.95	215.81
Benicia	258.00	141.50	87.00
Berkeley			
Arlington	128.84	119.82	283.45
Chinese	50.00	28.22	30.00
First	9,607.74	9,331.63	4,435.65
North	1,079.05	1,130.50	740.26
Northbrae	.....	853.73	.....
So. Community	596.78	674.50	185.00
*Biola	24.72	30.36	.....
Campbell	476.00	494.75	309.25
Cedarville	135.00	139.50	25.81
Cloverdale	90.84	95.73	48.50
Cotati	155.46	127.50	80.00
Crockett	88.07	121.26	5.00
*Dinuba	.60	.77	.....
*Elk Grove	121.64	28.13	228.50
Etna	10.14	49.87	26.64
Eureka	834.17	847.33	598.12
Fairfax	82.95	51.65	25.00
Ferndale	513.33	500.43	482.49
Fowler	75.00	75.00	.....
Fresno			
First	1,468.33	1,497.75	1,082.35
*Free Cross	225.00	175.00	82.30
Japanese	.....	62.30	.....
Pilgrim	665.00	782.63	250.00
*Zion	32.00	42.46	.....
Glen Ellen	180 00	115.00	185.00
Grass Valley	50.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	105.27	111.52	52.24
Hayward	343.33	350.00	459.84
Kenwood	19.25	95.24	73.75
Likely	.....	23.26	8.26
Lodi			
*Ebenezer	78.80	41.80	695.56
First	5,492.13	4,216.83	2,161.68
Loleta	8.62	8.62	.....
Loomis	402.00	405.00	339.04
Martinez	1,375.01	1,053.26	1,031.48
Murphys	99.50	122.68	15.00
Niles	68.17	100.00	21.00
Oakland			
Bethany	50.00	60.00	.....
First	6,264.40	6,399.90	1,304 04
Fruitvale	125.44	102.42	100.00
Japanese	33.33	30.00	3.58
Pilgrim	180.24	134.05	50.00
Plymouth	2,071.36	1,771.20	1,458.87
Orinda	438.40	765.46	174.61
Oroville	959.95	1,132.02	649.04
Pacific Grove	362.10	344.10	9.90
Palo Alto	1,640.00	1,779.54	1,019.80
Paradise	420.00	549.00	170.91
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	36.82	142.83	56.00
Pescadero	2.00	62.75	2.71
Petaluma	1,283.34	1,258.28	907.60
Pittsburg	352.77	383.68	170.55
Port Chicago	91.27	110.00	10.00
Porterville	1,128.33	1,328.75	1,029.20
Redwood City	905.85	1,720.72	1,101.00
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	256.40	240.00	15.00
Ripon	410.81	325.87	75.00
Sacramento			
First	1,550.00	1,557.50	1,050.00
Sierra Arden	45.49	119.25	5.00
Salida	61.66	97.81	50.75
San Carlos	380.20	602.00	422.50
San Francisco			
Beth. Msn. Pk.	444.78	469.37	151.40
Calvary	42.00	60.00	.....
Chinese	166.00	51.00	1.00
First	2,050.67	1,086.70	72.50
Ocean View	112.33	171.25	6.38
Park Presidio	279.99	348.39	226.95
*Sanger	14.08	28.75	.....
San Jose	1,083.52	1,295.00	417.96
San Leandro	218.81	332.03	250.50
San Lorenzo	.....	100.00	38.00
San Mateo	1,624.25	1,475.00	686.55
San Rafael	42.55	66.00	.....
Santa Cruz	1,015.00	1,032.00	252.50
Santa Rosa	319.44	331.20	112.00
Saratoga	1,077.17	902.50	240.65
Sebastopol	497.72	536.14	122.78
Sonoma	306.41	263.92	143.52
Soquel	127.88	315.28	102.15
Stockton	936.66	1,206.37	474.70
Suisun	166.54	130.00	33.25
Sunnyvale	111.79	81.70	63.21
Sunol	25.00	.....	.....
Tulare	1,072.44	1,106.03	628.55
Weaverville	210.00	230.40	91.71
Woodside	70.93	85.75	.....
Reno, Nevada	1,096.49	983.00	104.77
Miscellaneous, inc. Thank Offering and Ind. Gifts	5,106.35	7,259.19	3,227.67
	$64,482.48	$67,825.59	$32,656.03

*The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churches are for the amounts sent through the Conference treasury only. A number of the churches sent the bulk of their money through the National German treasury, as is indicated below.

More 1947 Story

Our German churches sent the largest part of their giving to their own national treasurer. At the end of the year he makes a report to the Conference office. The items appearing in the second column below are those given during the past year for the American Board and the Home Board. It should be understood that these items are in addition to the amounts appearing in the above columns as having come through the Conference treasury. The figures in the C.W.V.R. column are the total amounts finally reaching New York whether through the Conference or the German treasurer, and include the C.W.V.R. figures which appear for the respective churches in the Conference columns appearing above.

	1946	1947	C.W.V.R. 1947
Biola	$ 605.00	$ 313.87	.....
Dinuba	306.00	91.80	400.00
Elk Grove	162.18	105.06	228.50
Fresno, Free Cross	1,375.98	1,005.24	763.92
Fresno, Zion	793.56	660.45	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	1,046.59	773.22	745.61
Sanger	337.25	325.84	34.00
Misc. and Individual Gifts	206.56	556.12	389.34
	$4,833.12	$3,831.60	$2,561.37

In addition, the German churches contributed to projects of their own, including the School of Theology, Yankton College, missions in South Africa, and their own national conference, $3,346.13. It thus appears that the total giving of the German churches to apportionment, C.W.V.R., and their own causes amounts to a little more than $10,000.

FOURSCORE AND TEN

Rev. Henry Stauffer celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, January 25. Without doubt Mr. Stauffer is the senior Congregational minister in Northern California. He is an active member of the Berkeley First Church but one sees him as frequently at the South Berkeley Community Church. The Pacific extends congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Stauffer and feels a sense of gratitude for the fine service he has rendered in this fellowship.

FOURSCORE

Rev. Willard B. Thorp has just passed his eightieth birthday. The Palo Alto church surprised him by turning its annual meeting dinner into a surprise celebration, with a huge birthday cake surrounded by 80 little candles, and also with an envelope containing a nice check. The Conference extends congratulations.

Does This Make It Clear?

Readers of "Advance," our national paper, will have noted an article by Rev. Alfred Grant Walton of Brooklyn setting forth reasons for his opposition to the union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. Walton was asked whether he would be willing to set down an interpretation of the Basis of Union clarifying some of the points in such a way that he could accept it. He did this, whereupon a meeting was held of the joint committee representing the two denominations which had prepared the final draft. Dr. Walton's interpretation was accepted by those present and subsequently signed by those who were not present. People who feel that the Basis of Union means something different to the Evangelical and Reformed Church than it does to Congregationalists are invited to read the statement, which appears below in full. One can hardly see how the autonomy of the local church can be better and more sharply defined and safeguarded. —H.H.G.

1. The United Church of Christ will be a union of churches joined in fellowship and cooperation without involving any invasion of the rights now enjoyed by local churches.

2. Congregations, Associations, Conferences, and the General Synod, being voluntary fellowships, possess autonomy in their own spheres, which autonomy is acknowledged and will be respected.

3. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Board for Home Missions are agencies and instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ and while the members of the Boards will be nominated and elected by the General Synod, the Boards will have authority in their own sphere of activity, and the General Synod, except for its right to allocate undesignated denominational benevolent moneys, shall have only advisory powers in relation to them.

4. The Constitution of the United Church of Christ will also be the constitution of the General Synod, and no other constitution for the General Synod is contemplated.

(a) It will be functional and definitive in relation to the General Synod but descriptive in relation to the Boards, Conferences, Associations, and churches.

(b) It will not contemplate any legal control over the local churches, Associations, and Conferences by the General Synod.

(c) It will describe the relation of the various Boards, commissions, agencies, and instrumentalities to the United Church and also the relations of Conferences, Associations, and congregations to the United Church. The present Congregational Christian churches may ratify this Constitution, but there is no mandate upon them to ratify it if they do not desire to do so. See the Basis of Union, IV A.

5. No members of the Congregational Christian Annuity Fund shall be penalized in any way by his refusal to accept ministerial standing in the United Church or by reason of the failure of the church he serves to accept fellowship in the United Church.

6. In the event that the apportionment giving in any year falls below the $3,300,000 mentioned in Art. VIII G 7 of the Basis of Union, the prior claim of the Merged Fund will be reduced sufficiently so that there will be no disproportionate losses to the missionary work of the denomination, except that the prior claim shall in no case be less than the amount sufficient to meet the requirements of the year in question for the unfunded portion of the annuities under the "original plans" plus the necessary expenses of promotion and administration.

7. It is fully expected that churches and ministers preferring to maintain a system of pastoral placement in which the Conference or Association shall have little or no part may do so without prejudice, since the Basis of Union provides that "in all relationships between minister and the local church or congregation, the freedom of the minister and the autonomy of the church are presupposed."

8. The vote of any Congregational Christian church on the proposed union, even though negative, will not in itself or in any way in the event of union impair the fellowship of that church with Association, Conference, or General Synod. It is not the intention of the Basis of Union or of the provisions for voting thereon in the event of merger to withdraw fellowship from any Congregational Christian church now of the fellowship. The relation of a church to its Association will not be affected by its vote on the union, provided that the church continues to abide by the rules and regulations of its own Association.

9. Appeals, complaints, and references shall be dealt with by Associations and Conferences in accordance with their own rules.

REV. JESSIE GETTY HEATH DANIEL

Rev. Jessie Getty Heath Daniel passed away on January 29, 1948, after an illness of nearly two years, at the age of 72. Mrs. Daniel was first married to the Rev. Mr. Getty, a young Methodist minister, in 1904. There were two children born to this marriage, one of whom, a daughter, is living in Salida, California. After the death of Mr. Getty she was married to Mr. Frank B. Heath, and was mother to his four children, all of whom are now living. Mr. Heath passed away in 1940.

Mrs. Daniel was ordained to the Congregational ministry in 1916. She served the following churches in our Conference: Tipton, Ferndale, Soquel, and Salida, having two pastorates at Salida. Subsequent to her retirement about three years ago she was married to Mr. H. M. Daniel, a layman of her church. Within a month of their marriage she was stricken with severe illness that has kept her in bed well nigh helpless these many months. Funeral services were held at Modesto by Mr. Albert F. King, pastor at Salida, and internment was at Soquel, California.

Mrs. Daniel was a preacher of deep conviction and real power. She was a faithful pastor, tirelessly ministering to the people of her parishes and at the same time doing the full work of caring for her family. Mr. Heath was a very effective helpmeet during their life together, and Mr. Daniel has ministered unceasingly to her during the long trying illness.

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ORDINATION

A most unusual service of ordination was held in the Church for the Fellowship of all Peoples of San Francisco on Sunday, January 11. Mr. J. Robert Meyners, who previously had appeared before the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, was examined at a special meeting of the Bay Association on Tuesday, January 6. He was approved and a committee was appointed to carry out the ordination service, which, because of the situation in the local church, had to be done on a Sunday morning. Invocation was given by Rev. John Yamashita of the Oakland Japanese Methodist Church. The moderator was Professor Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religion. The reading of the Scripture was by Mr. Roy Nichols, formerly co-pastor of the South Berkeley Community Church. The sermon was by Rev. Harold W. Ruopp, formerly pastor of Central Church, Chicago. The prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Allan A. Hunter of Los Angeles, the charge to the candidate by Mr. Meyners' associate, Rev. Howard Thurman; the charge to the church by Rev. H. H. Landram of the San Francisco Council of Churches; and the hand of fellowship by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Among those who laid hands upon the candidate's head were Rabbi Irving Reichert, Mrs. Lola Godbold, a lay member of the local church, and Mr. Leland Mahood, formerly of New Pilgrim Church. In one way or another there participated in the service representatives of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Jewish churches, and of the Chinese, Japanese, Negro and Caucasian races.

MERGER VOTING REPORT

Reports are reaching the Conference office of the vote by churches on the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Every one thus far reporting shows an overwhelmingly affirmative vote. In a later issue the church by church report of votes will be printed.

SUMMER EXCHANGE

Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker of our First Church at Boulder, Colorado, would like to arrange an exchange of parsonage for either July or August with someone here in the Bay area or on the coast. Any minister interested please communicate with him. His family consists of his wife and two young people, eighteen and thirteen.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK. The newly formed group of Negro people in Sacramento are meeting regularly in the home of one of the members. Rev. Mary McKee Chester preached on a recent Sunday morning. On a later date the speaker was former Conference moderator, David H. Gill.

PIPE ORGAN FOR SALE

The First Congregational Church of Berkeley is about to secure its new memorial organ. It will sell its old organ for a reasonable figure. Any church interested should contact Mr. Charles Black, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, who will give detailed information.

SANTA CRUZ. Mr. Ernest Otto has just reached his 77th birthday. He has been a news reporter for sixty-three years and clerk of the church for something over fifty years. The church has received two legacies amounting to about $1600. On the last Sunday of January a great congregation greeted Leland Mahood, son of the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood. Dr. Mahood has announced his resignation to take effect next summer, but church and community are determined that he must reconsider.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This church will launch the Forest Hills Community Sunday School on Sunday, February 29, in the home of Mr. Lesley R. Jackson, 355 Pacheco Street. It will be under the leadership of William McReynolds, student at Pacific School of Religion, and the general direction of Rev. James H. Woodruff, associate minister of the church.

OROVILLE. Charts prepared for the annual meeting show remarkable gains since 1943: in Church School enrollment from 110 to 180; in average attendance at worship from 87 to 118; in membership from 221 to 310; in giving to benevolences from $469 to $1750; for current expenses from $4530 to $6600.

TULARE. During 1947 twenty-seven were received by confession and fifteen by letter, bringing the membership above the 300 mark. The budget for local expenses is $7500 and benevolences and relief $2650. Seventeen thousand dollars is on hand toward the new building. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The Every Member Canvass for the new year showed pledges for $400 more than the goal for current expenses and $300 more than the goal for benevolences. The church holds in its building fund about $23,600. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is pastor.

KENWOOD. A beautiful electric organ was presented to the church as a Christmas gift by a family now removed from the community, in memory of a son who lost his life in the last war. The organ was dedicated on January 18. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

FERNDALE. At the annual meeting seven new members were voted into fellowship. Rev. Charles H. Hudson was given a substantial increase in salary. It is expected that a new social hall will soon be under way.

SAN LORENZO. Skilled labor in the community is being enlisted to complete the church when the contractor has finished. It will probably be close to Easter before the building can be dedicated.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. Two crews of eleven men each have signed up for volunteer labor for each weekend until the first unit of the new building is up. Among them is a well known construction engineer. Church services continue to be held in a new store building until it is rented. World Day of Prayer was observed in one home and Easter communion will be held in the parsonage. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The church has sold the old church property and with the proceeds has bought a new parsonage building and will add to it a substantial addition, which will give Rev. George Aki and his family comfortable and adequate living space. A typewriter has also been acquired. A joint Junior Fellowship of the Congregational and Methodist churches has been started. The Inter-Faith Central California and Overseas Relief shipped 23,000 pounds of raisins and clothing to Japan.

FRESNO, FIRST. There is $85,000 cash in the building fund, plus the cost of the new site. Bids for the new building are expected in March. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons suggested by a recent statement of Moderator Albert W. Palmer: "These are the words that must govern life or we shall perish: honesty, fair play, goodwill, patience, creative industry, non-violence, forgiveness, cooperation, long-suffering, and unselfish love."

PORT CHICAGO. The annual meeting showed all bills paid and some reduction in the debt. The budget for 1948 is subscribed and there has been an increase of 22 members. Approximately $800 worth of improvements to the property have been made for $120, due to volunteer labor. Rev. W. C. Besselievre is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. After two months illness Rev. Arthur L. Rice returned to his pulpit on December 14. Congregations filled the church and frequently chairs were brought in. Rev. Terence Stoker became director of Christian Education the first of the year. He will have charge of the Church School and the High School and University young people.

ORINDA. During the first unassisted year the church has grown 40 percent in membership, contributed almost $7300 for operating expenses, and $1142 to various benevolent causes. The budget for the new year is over-subscribed. A substantial salary increase was given to the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Morrow.

PORTERVILLE. The dining room was filled to capacity at the annual meeting when Rev. and Mrs. John H. Gregg were guests of honor. The budget for the coming year was fully subscribed, including a $200 increase for benevolences. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

ALTURAS. The choir's "Tune Up" concert grossed about $275. Rev. William Moll Case holds services at frequent intervals at Likely. The Alturas treasurer's report showed a total of $5800 for current expenses and over $500 for benevolences and war relief for the year.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is giving book reviews at special Sunday evening services, recently using such titles as "Prophet in the Wilderness," "Roads of Destiny," "When the Mountain Fell," and "The Life of George Washington Carver."

CROCKETT. More money has been given to benevolences and related causes during the past year than ever before. All departments of the church reported progress at the annual meeting. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson is pastor.

HAYWARD. Two quonset huts have been secured to provide additional meeting place for the growing Church School and youth program. They have been placed at the rear of the two-acre site. Regular services are held each Sunday at 10:00 and 11:15, with the chapel practically filled at both services. Seventy-five new members were added in 1947. Thirty new maroon robes have recently been purchased for the choir. New committees were set up at the annual meeting, including Church Maintenance, Ushers, and Church Affairs. On January 18 new officers were installed, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of the Conference office delivering the message. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

PITTSBURG. The annual meeting,, preceded by a potluck supper, was larger in attendance than any previous occasion of the kind. The Women's Auxiliary had a tea and program for the new women of the church with 85 present. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is preaching a series of Lenten sermons on "Words of Life": "Inspiration," "Salvation," "Faith," "Resolution," "Consecration," "Dedication," "Resurrection."

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. The plastering of the new building is practically completed. A community canvass is going forward for expenses of the community center during the coming year. The young people's group are giving $90 for the building of an altar for the new church. The Women's Association will furnish the kitchen. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The church has been beautified by the completion of a special room for the ladies and by the redecorating of the patio. Three hundred attended the annual dinner. One hundred four new members had united during the previous year, thirty-five of them by confession. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The church gained forty-two in membership, bringing the total to 308, as shown by the annual report. Giving to missions and relief exceeded the previous year by almost $500. The Church School has an active enrollment of 540. Expenditures for current expenses were close to $7500. Rev. H. Weldon Batty is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

A mild sunny day was our good fortune on Thursday, January 15, for the 24th annual meeting of the Federation held at the Broadmoor Church in San Leandro. We greeted friends, old and new, enjoyed an exceptional program, and witnessed the installation of our new officers in an inspiring service. All this and a delicious luncheon, too, served to about 250 women.

Mrs. Gail Cleland, wife of Army Chaplain Cleland, related to us in an amusing and interesting manner her experiences as "One Dependent Woman in Korea." Along more serious lines, however, we learned of the great consternation prevailing in Korea now. Although having been declared an independent state following V-J Day, after forty years of Japanese domination, both the U. S. Army and the Russians have remained in the country. The army occupies the southern section where there are about 350 different national parties and about twenty million people, with the Russians in the north with a solid Communistic vote of ten million. For the most part, the Koreans are anxious to throw off this outside rule and are eager to learn western culture. We should welcome them with open arms in our institutions of learning. At present, however, our Government requires that $5000 be guaranteed by some individual to cover the care and schooling of a Korean student. On the other hand, Russia is taking advantage of her opportunity and is teaching Communistic philosophy to the Koreans in the north as well as encouraging them to go to Russia to further their knowledge.

Rounding out a splendid morning's program, our president, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, spoke on the theme of the day, "The Greatest of These Is To Care," and expressed her happiness in being given an opportunity to serve for another year. She also gave a word of sincere appreciation to the officers who have just finished their year of service, as well as to the new members for the many fine things which she knows will be accomplished in the months to come. A new year is opening before us, another chance to demonstrate how much We Care.

During the luncheon hour we enjoyed hearing from Mrs. Victor Jensen of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Petaluma, who presented a splendid outline of the women's work of that church. It was most interesting to note how closely our efforts are paralleled. Mrs. Jensen, representing the women of her denomination, spoke enthusiastically of the proposed merger and added that if wholehearted response and approval by the women was all that was needed, the merger would probably have been accomplished long ago.

Miss Phyllis Johnson of the Piedmont Community Church, who went as a delegate to the meeting of Christian young people last summer at Oslo, believes that if we are to have a world church young people need training now to prepare for leadership. The American young folks who were in attendance feel that much was accomplished in this direction at the conference. Miss Johnson feels that the young people were benefited in these specific ways: (1) Oslo broadened personal horizons; (2) stimulated a respect for national differences; (3) personalized various countries and its people through new friendships; (4) gave a vision of the world church and what it could be like. The young people of the world will have to be the ones to take the lead in its formation. Youth has ever been the cutting edge of all important movements as we look back through history.

We wish we had this entire back page at our disposal to fill with the interesting and novel reports of officers, Association presidents, secretaries, and chairmen, for they truly deserve much more than a bare mention. But they did reach all those present in a church filled to capacity and overflowing. Every Association but one was represented at the meeting.

It was good for all of us to hear what Dr. Bernice Baxter of the Oakland Public School Department had to tell us regarding "Opportunities for International Cooperation." Dr. Baxter has recently returned from extensive travel in Europe, where she was one of twenty-five delegates at the Paris Conference on "Women and the Peace." In addition to Caring, we might add Charity and Love, said Dr. Baxter. One of the big problems we face as we look at the world today is not knowing nor caring enough about one another. Women have pretty much the same ideals the world over—home, children, and the right of every individual to have an opportunity to become the best possible person. It was discovered, surprisingly enough, that German women have very similar ideals, although at present they are discouraged, disillusioned, and confused. What is happening in Germany today is quite crucial. Warfare of a type is going on there every day, which, if we allow it, will sweep over Europe bringing with it a philosophy which does not believe in the freedom of the individual, but rather subservience to State. Dr. Baxter pointed out that if France and Italy can stand firm enough during the coming year of turmoil, there is a possibility of keeping important things on top and a chance to build for greater stability in western Europe.

In traveling through many parts of Europe, in the company of a mixed racial group, Dr. Baxter found Europe in most sections to be freer of racial discrimination than we are in America. Our European friends are asking a question regarding our Negro situation! Although they respect our democracy, they wonder why we cannot solve this domestic problem. The Russians would also like to have this matter introduced for discussion. We just don't follow through in practice what we advocate in belief and some housecleaning must be done before we can convince the world that our way is the right way. The proof of our way of life is shown in the very posture of persons in our American cities. We must work hard to convince other nations that America has something to contribute, and make every effort to share our plan of living with all people who so truly want a better way of life.

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THANK OFFERING RECORD

The women's Thank Offering, most of which comes in at the very end of the year, is a strong factor in lifting our apportionment to its present level. The number of churches participating remains fairly constant. This year the offering from only one church which had contributed a year ago failed to come through, and that was due to a mistake in a previous remittance which could not be corrected.

At the beginning of the year projects were adopted which included the South Berkeley Community Church, Cazadero Maintenance, Interdenominational Survey Work, Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico, Legislative Work in Washington, and Vadala Rural Mission Station in India. The Thank Offering exceeded the goals, so each of the four Boards had a surplus gift.

By action of the Federation, the Thank Offering gifts are not credited in the Year Book or in the church by church list of apportionment giving, but do apply on the state apportionment and are included in the item of "miscellaneous gifts." The 1947 total is an all time high. The Pacific is glad to print the list of churches participating.

	1946	1947
Alameda	$ 75.00	$ 105.00
Angels Camp	23.20	20.81
Antioch	33.72	61.98
Auburn	35.10	25.00
Benicia	25.79	41.34
Berkeley, Arlington	18.16	15.30
First	193.13	195.70
North	52.47	85.00
South Com.	69.00	60.91
Campbell	54.92	71.50
Cloverdale	15.00	28.00
Cotati	30.00	44.00
Crockett	.....	25.00
Eureka	65.20	100.00
Ferndale	24.75	48.27
Fresno, First	106.68	106.75
Pilgrim	45.12	20.55
Hayward	70.00	70.00
Lodi, First	97.08	59.35
Loomis	.....	12.00
Martinez	57.00	72.48
Oakland, Bethany Arm.	5.00	5.00
First	422.00	302.90
Fruitvale	25.60	30.55
New Pilgrim	16.45	14.47
Plymouth	112.88	116.00
Orinda	43.60	60.33
Oroville	69.00	50.00
Pacific Grove	64.00	62.00
Palo Alto	131.50	146.86
Paradise	42.10	57.93
Penngrove	.....	12.65
Petaluma	65.00	78.75
Pittsburg	43.34	42.80
Porterville	51.30	55.69
Redwood City	22.20	32.50
Rio Vista	70.53	76.23
Ripon	77.37	53.70
Sacramento, Pioneer	76.50	87.00
San Carlos	42.56	75.77
Salida	16.45	20.00
S. F., Calvary Armenian	43.50	39.00
First	269.19	201.00
Grace United	25.70	49.12
Ocean View	13.00	13.25
Park Presidio	.....	2.50
San Jose	212.00	137.00
San Leandro	100.00	90.20
San Lorenzo	.....	10.00
San Mateo	125.00	182.83
San Rafael	.....	11.95
Santa Cruz	139.39	100.48
Santa Rosa	19.35	
Saratoga	98.50	130.88
Sebastopol	50.83	28.21
Sonoma	25.00	25.50
Stockton	65.00	65.00
Sunnyvale	.....	28.26
Tulare	47.00	50.60
Weaverville	31.00	33.34
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